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For: LINEAR ACTUATOR, AND	)		
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METHOD THEREOF	)		

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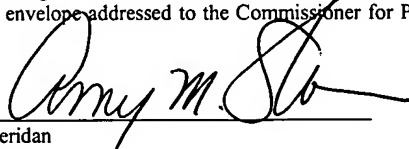
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U.S. Patent Documents

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,157,103 to Ohta et al., issued December 5, 2000; and
2. U.S. Patent No. 3,913,084 to Bollinger et al. , issued October 14, 1975.

Foreign Patent Documents

1. Nippondenso Co. Ltd, Japanese Publication No. JP-08-308205, published on November 22, 1996 (with English language abstract).

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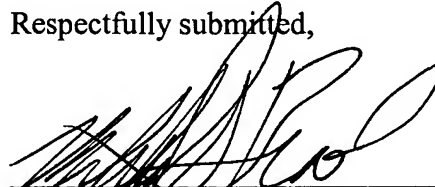
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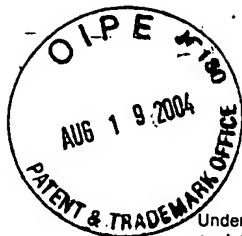
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